

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

Minutes

May 2, 2013

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board Meeting Room.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Judy Gallant, Marvin Michalak and Pete Gallant.

Absent: Mike Gallagher

Guest: Melissa Adams, Keep Berkshires Farming

The minutes of April 4, 2013, were reviewed. It was M/S/A to approve the minutes as printed.

Old Business

1. Keep Berkshire Farming

Melissa Adams from Keep Berkshires Farming was present to update the Commission on the program. The kickoff got a late start. Groups were formed to do surveys. A dinner for farmers was held but had a low turnout. The contact information was not current. She indicated a need for better information. The map of Lanesborough was reviewed and various parcels were identified. Farmer Surveys were handed out and requested to be returned by May 15. A residential survey was also handed out with the request that they be placed at locations for people to fill out. Teams will be meeting shortly.

2. Lanesborough School Garden

There are early seeds to be planted. A date for planting was set for May 4 at 2 pm. Some plants can be transplanted at this time. Volunteers will be contacted.

A letter will be generated to Home Depot to request financial assistance with acquiring a fence to put around the garden.

3. Lanesborough After School Program

The after-school program has been completed and was well attended.

4. Town Report

The town report has been submitted.

New Business

1. MAAC Membership

It was moved, seconded and approved to be a member of the Massachusetts Association of Agriculture Commissions.

The next meeting date was set for June 6, 2013.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:36 pm.